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### DAILY THOUGHT.

Many a word at random spoken,  
May soothe or wound a heart that's broken

—Scott.

### THE SUN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

On account of the unusual demands being made at present for charity and help for the poor, The Sun has decided not to give its usual Christmas tree for the poor children, and to assist the ladies who have taken up the charity work for the winter.

There is a fund on hand, collected for the tree, and this, with all donations that may come in, will be turned over to the ladies' benevolent committee.

The demands for assistance the past few days have been very large and the work of attending to the cases is a stupendous task. The ladies are in need of all the assistance they can get and it behooves each and all of us to lend them any aid we can. The people of Paducah have always been thoughtful in their care of the poor and we feel that it needs only a direction of their attention to the present urgent need to bring the most liberal of donations. The Sun, for one, is willing to do all in its power to assist in the work, and will place its donation with the ladies today. Let others follow the example.

### PAYING OUR ATTORNEYS.

The Mayfield Messenger thinks the next legislature should modify the law by which county attorneys are paid commissions. It says:

"For example, a man to find \$100 for some violation of the law in the circuit court. What becomes of this fee of one hundred dollars? Well \$80 is paid to the commonwealth's attorney, \$20 to the county attorney, \$5 to the circuit clerk and \$5 to the trustees of the jury fund, making a total of \$90 that is paid out in commissions and only \$10 finds its way into the state treasury."

Along the same line it also says: "Would it not be best for all concerned to reduce the fees for violations of the whisky laws here from \$300 to \$50 and up, and give the justices of the peace jurisdiction over them, as well as the other courts. There would not be any more violations, but more revenue could be gotten out of them, which seems to be what the courts are after, as well as meting out justice to the violators of the law."

"As it is a man is fined \$300, one hundred goes to the commonwealth's attorney, \$50 to the county attorney, \$10 to the clerk, \$5 to the trustees of the jury fund, and the poor pitiful sum of \$24 to the treasury, but if the justices had such jurisdiction \$124 would have gone into the public crib instead of \$24. This is another law that needs changing for the good of the taxpayer."

The mistake is in supposing that the object of punishing certain offenders by fines is to place money in the treasury. The treasury is filled in other ways—by taxation, licenses, etc. Fines are imposed to prevent infractions of the law, not to fill the treasury. The reason commonwealth's and county attorneys are paid principally in fees, is to make the result of their work pay for their hire. If an attorney knows he is to get a certain per cent of a fine, this knowledge acts as

an incentive, and has a tendency to create in him a desire to make the fine as large as possible, and to secure as many of them as he can, and in this way, by properly punishing every offender possible, to reduce the number of violations of law, thereby improving the moral condition of the community, and thus contribute to the general welfare of the people.

Under the Messenger's plan, to get a capable and energetic attorney, good salaries would have to be paid out of the taxes, instead of the fines, and there would be no necessity for the attorney seeking to punish an offender where work would be required, or enmity incurred in so doing. Lawlessness would increase and vice run rampant, and the ends of justice defeated, while the state would at the same time be constantly under an enormous expense with little or no return.

### BETTER MEN NEEDED.

The board of health is a disgrace to Paducah, and if the members who persistently refuse to meet when a meeting is called will not resign, they should be impeached and discharged. If a board of health had not been deemed essential in the government of a city, it would in all probability not have been provided for in the charter. If the board cannot be brought together when there are matters of importance to act on, there should be some recourse for the people. The board has done nothing since it created such a furore a few months ago over the water supply, for which it was afterwards conclusively shown there was no foundation in fact. It never meets, and its members are such only nominally.

The last call made on the board was to meet Saturday and act on the improper fumigation of houses infected with scarlet fever, which Superintendent Hatfield of the public schools says causes the spread of the disease, resulting in many pupils who reside in affected districts having to remain away from school, and, in some cases, may be responsible for the death of children who contracted the disease through the gross negligence of the health authorities.

With a matter of such importance, affecting the health and education of the children of the entire city, to decide, the board of health still refused to meet. If there is any excuse for the members longer holding the important positions entrusted to them, the general public will fail to perceive it. There are good men in Paducah who will serve on the board of health, who will at all times be mindful of the health of the people, and who will meet whenever called upon to do so, especially in cases of such paramount importance as that for which the board was called Saturday.

Let the present board, with the exception of the president, who does all in his power to hold meetings, resign and give men a chance who will discharge the duties for which they were appointed.

### OLD DEMOCRATIC TRICKS.

The Democratic press of the state is always depicting itself on the alleged warlike attitude of various Republican leaders towards one another, and telling of the knives they carry up their sleeves, the guns in their boots and various other weapons they are supposed to be "toting" for each other, and how many scalps they have dangling from their belts, and how many others they expect to take.

Often they get a calling down such as Former Governor W. O. Bradley gave them a few days ago. The Louisville Post says: Former Governor or William O. Bradley today renews the publication that his "ire is up", and that he has a knife ready for the present leaders in the Republican party. Such statements Mr. Bradley characterizes as false, and takes the firm stand, once for all, that he is not seeking to control federal or other patronage in Kentucky.

He denies he will go to Washington to ask the removal of Mr. Leslie Combs from office, as pension agent for Kentucky, or the removal of Mr. E. T. Franks as collector of internal revenue at Owensboro. Such statements, he said, are made with malice aforethought, and for the sole purpose of creating strife in the ranks of the party.

In an interview today Governor Bradley said: "The statement in this morning's Courier-Journal is false with but few exceptions. I am not excited, my ire is not up, and I am not engaged in a wholesale attack on office holders. I am not proposing to fight to the last ditch, or to 'fight at all'."

"Such articles are intended to stir up trouble in the Republican party,

and have no other inspiration. I am not in politics. I repeat. I may endorse a friend here and there for office, but this is a mere acknowledgement of merit, and an act of gratitude. I have something else to do besides assuming to control public patronage."

The second class question is becoming quite interesting. Heretofore the people have known little about it. Now they are learning a great deal. A majority seem to be in favor of going into the second class, if there are any advantages to be derived from it, but not just at this time, unless there are. The members of the city council will be left to thresh out the subject and settle it as they deem best.

It is reported that the Illinois Central is pushing West Point, twenty miles out of Louisville, as a site for the proposed 20,000 acre army post. The Illinois Central can get it if anything can. It usually lands whatever it goes out after.

It is unfortunate that some of the excessive heat of last summer couldn't have been held back until now. At present we would be more appreciative than we were then.

Mayor Yeiser will probably wait and give the police their appointments for a Christmas present.

### TWO BURGLARIES.

Moore's on Tennessee Street, Relieved of About \$200 Worth.

Theft Enters Mr. Sam Goodman's, at Fourth and Court, and Gets \$28.

Mr. Wm. Moore's grocery store, on Tennessee street, beyond the I. C. railroad tracks, was broken into and entered Saturday night late and goods and money to the amount of \$200, estimated by the proprietor, taken away.

Mr. Moore sleeps in the rear of his store and heard a crash late in the night but attached no significance to it as he thought the snow had probably fallen from the roof and made the noise. Upon awakening the next morning he discovered the front door had been smashed in, and 300 nickels and several hams, half a hog, several sacks of flour and other groceries stolen. He immediately notified the police of the robbery and Officer Orr was sent out to work up the case. Search warrants for all the houses in Worten's addition, and also other houses in that vicinity were taken out and a thorough search made by both Officers Hart and Orr, but no trace of the stolen goods could be found.

There is no clue to the identity of the thieves, but the officers are still working the case up, and are expecting developments soon.

The stolen of Mr. Sam Goodman, opposite the city hall, was entered last night and \$28 taken from a cigar box that had been placed on top of the big ice box. Nothing else was missed. The door had either been left unlocked or the thief had a skeleton key to do his work with. There is no clue to the thief.

### IT IS A BOY.

Cards have been received in the city from Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fox of Louisville, formerly of the city, announcing the arrival of Master John William Counts Fox, at their home. The many friends of Professor and Mrs. Fox in this city will give them hearty congratulations, and wish for the young gentleman that he may be as fine a man as his father, and do as good work for the Sunday schools of the state.

### GROCERIES FOR CONSUMERS.

To the Public:  
My patrons and friends. For the next few days will sell you goods at greatly reduced prices. See the following:

Granulated sugar 90 lbs for \$1.  
Light brown sugar 33 lbs for \$1.  
All package coffee 11c a lb.  
Best patent flour \$4 per barrel, one-half patent flour \$3.75. Straight flour \$3.50 a barrel. Salt, coarse or fine, \$1.05 per barrel. Best standard tomatoes \$1.75 a doz. Best standard corn 85c a doz. All dried and canned fruits and vegetables in like proportion. The best 3 year old Robertson county whiskey in the city \$2 a gallon. Choice brandies and wines for family use to be had for less money than can be found anywhere. Remember the place, the Old Reliable 119 and 121 South Second.

G. W. ROBERTSON.

## A HOLIDAY SALE

—Of—

## UNAPPROACHABLE BARGAIN GIVING

GIFTS AT CUT PRICES

## A WEEK of MASSIVE VALUES

All kinds of Dress Goods at cut prices.

Special lot of Ladies' Walking Skirts that look and set well.

Children's Jackets with prices all leaning your way.

A Holiday Clearance sale of Millinery at marvelously low prices.

A Holiday Sale of Women's neckwear and all widths of fine ribbons with prices about half.

Kid Gloves, Golf Gloves and Mittens at unusual low prices. They make excellent Christmas gifts.

Women's nobby Flannel and mercerized Waists with price attraction as a drawing magnet. Good gifts you know.

Flannelette Wrappers at cut prices to clear them out and help gift givers. A Petticoat sale and Wool Under-skirt patterns at low gift-giving prices.

A special sale of Furs for Christmas gifts and indeed acceptable ones. Very useful values in Ladies' Jackets. The prices about half what we have been getting.

Big values in Women's and Children's Ribbed Underwear and Hosiery. If you know a good thing you'll appreciate these offerings.

Women's Handkerchiefs at prices that will make new records and great selling. Very popular gifts.

Dolls that sleep and Dolls that can't sleep. Toys and Tin Horns.

Books that are marvels of cheapness at 10c to 15c.

Fascinators and Knit Shawls, 35c to \$1.00, make worthy gifts.

Pocketbooks and Chatelaine Bags marked for quick selling.

Women's Chiffon Neck Ruches, very swell and up-to-date at prices that will surprise and please you.

Lace Curtains will make a very nice gift. Our entire assortment will be marked down for this sale.

### MAKE CLOTHING GIFTS

Extraordinary reductions in Fine Suits for Men and Boys. Sweeping reductions in Boys' Knee Pants suits. Flirt Boys' Suits for \$2, reduced from \$3 and \$4.

Men's Dress Shirts, Wash Shirts, Undershirts that please everybody, and the garments are fine for Christmas gifts.

### SHOES FOR ALL.

Coupled with the lowest prices in the city is our guarantee for their durability and fit. During this Holiday Sale we will make some prices that will smash all former records. If it's Shoes you wish for Christmas gifts come to us.

HARBOUR'S,  
112 N. Third Street.

Half a Square  
From Broadway.

## Holiday Goods In Great Variety.

We are showing a larger and better line of Christmas Novelties this season than ever before. Everything new and attractive.

### Pleasing For Your Girl Friends.

Handsome Oriental bust, 69c and up.  
Beautifully decorated glove or handkerchief box, 25c.  
An interesting book by good writers, 25c, 38c and 49c.  
Beautiful bronze figure, \$1.00 and upward.  
Hand-painted satin handkerchief cases, 35c, 69c and \$1.00 each.  
Persian glass gift boxes, 25c up to \$1.00.  
Sterling silver or toilet articles, in new patterns, 25c up to 95c.

### Books and Dolls to Delight The Little Folks.

New selection of books containing interesting stories and pictures, 25c and 35c.  
Genuine kid body sleeping dolls, 25c.  
Jointed kid body, sleeping dolls with natural hair, 50c.  
Blague dolls, beautifully dressed with hats to match, 50c and 59c each.  
Jointed kid body sleeping dolls—18 inches long—natural hair, 50c and 59c.  
Extra size jointed kid body dolls, 20 inches long, \$1.50.

### Other Desirable Presents.

The Puritan kid gloves, in black and stylish colors, \$1.00 per pair.  
Revely-made waist of flannel and perfect fitting, handsomely tucked and neatly finished with buttons. We are showing them in any color \$1.95 to \$3.50.  
Beautiful black or colored silk waists made of good taffeta, clus-tured all over, well lined, new Bishop sleeve with fancy cuff, fancy stock finishing neck, perfect beauties for \$3.95 and \$1.00.  
Very stylish and dressy black chiffon neck ruffles that add very much to the costume; we are showing them for 75c and \$1.00.  
Ladies' new black seal purse and card case combined, trimmed with Morocco, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.  
A handsome real lace bertha would be an acceptable present. We have them in exquisite patterns for \$7.50 and \$9.95.

### Millinery Bargains.

No need to worry about not having a new hat for Xmas when you can buy one for half the former price. All pattern hats at half price. Reduction of 25 per cent on all trimmed hats, \$1.75 to \$1.25. Untrimmed hats, all shapes, for 75c. All walking and ready-to-wear hats 50c and 75c. All brims and fancy feathers at half price. Special prices on tips and plumes.  
Untrimmed velvet hats for 50c and 75c.  
Also a beautiful line of stamped and plain laces with handsome dress work, pin cushions. Pillow tops, in satin, 50c. Pillow tops, in tapestry, 50c and 75c. Uncovered pillows 75c.  
Don't fail to see the bargains in millinery.

Second Floor. ZULA COBB

## OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Why not have an eye to the useful in selecting your Xmas presents. We have in shoes and slippers suitable remembrances for mother, father, brother or sister.

50c buys man's velvet slipper, embroidered vamp.  
75c buys a man's Dongola or imitation alligator slipper.  
\$1.00 buys man's turn sole, in black or brown, very soft.  
\$1.50 buys man's undressed kid in colors, very swell.  
35c buys a h. room slipper for woman.  
75c buys felt fur trimmed Romeo for women.  
\$1.00 buys felt slipper, turned sole.  
\$1.50. See our line of woman's felt Romeo's in black, red, brown and wine, fur trimmed, turn sole.

### TO CLOSE.

From now until Xmas we sell all misses' \$1.25 grade kid or calf button shoes at \$1.00.  
\$1.00 buys woman's kid heel or spring.  
\$1.25 buys woman's kid heel or spring, double sole.  
\$1.50 buys woman's soft and fair stitched shoe, equal to any at \$2.00.  
\$1.95 buys a woman's patent calf mannish shoe, \$2.50 value.  
\$1.95 buys woman's patent calf dress shoe, should bring \$2.50.

OUR \$1.00 shoes in men or women's have the style and wearing qualities of any \$1.50 shoe in the market.

### Children's Department

From the youngest age of maturity we show on the largest varieties in style and serviceable.  
50c buys kid's kid calf lace or button shoe, solid, 2 to 3.  
50c buys kid's shoe, lace or button, 2 to 3.  
75c buys kid's shoe, heavy sole, 3 to 4.  
75c buys kid's shoe, heavy sole, 3 to 4.  
\$1.00 buys calf or 2 calf shoe.  
\$1.25 buys boy's 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 kid shoe.  
\$2.00 buys boy's 3 1/2 to 4 kid shoe.  
\$2.50 buys boy's patent calf dress shoe, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2.  
Get our prices before closing.

Rudy,  
Phillips & Co.